

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In paragraph 0051 of the published application, please amend the text as indicated below in strikethrough:

[0051] In keeping with the present invention, the application program 202 may include a database 216 or the like of data that was previously entered (e.g., prior user input) for this field. When the application program 202 passes the field information to the ~~in~~-software input method manager 204, or shortly thereafter, the application program 202 thus can also provide a list of customizations or the like for passing to the selected input method 206, for rendering what is essentially a customized keyboard. Note that this need not be limited to information previously entered by the user, but can, for example, include default information (e.g., links to the ten most popular websites) provided by another entity.

In paragraph 0051 of the published application, please amend the text as indicated below in strikethrough and underline:

[0054] Once the keys are displayed, the user can activate one, whereby a key determination mechanism 220 in the software input method 206 figures out, via a coordinates to-key conversion mechanism 222, which key has been pressed. If the key has a fixed meaning as to what it is supposed to represents, the key determination mechanism 220 may look it up in a table or the like, and returns the meaning in the form of an appropriate character, string, symbol, command or other appropriate data to the application program 202. If the key is variable, then the key determination mechanism 220 accesses the application provided information 218 to determine the character, string, symbol, command or other appropriate data to return, as previously provided by the application. Note that in an alternative implementation, the input method can dynamically call the application when needed to find out a key's meaning.